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Mitsuaki HIROKAWA, et al.

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SPIRAL SEPARATION MEMBRANE ELEMENT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action of October 13, 2006, from January 13, 2007 to March 13, 2007.

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